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## Current Position

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Fellow, National Institutes of Health, Department of Clinical Bioethics

- Two-year research, education, and training fellowship in bioethics and health policy

## Education

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Stanford University (Stanford, CA)

9/02-1/07

- B.S. Biological Sciences, with Distinction, to be awarded 1/07
- B.A. Philosophy, with Honors and Distinction, 6/06
- Honors Thesis: *Body Rights, Discontinuous Identity, and Moral Authority: A New Defense of Advance Directives in Dementia Cases*. Agnieszka Jaworska, advisor; John Perry, 2nd reader. Thesis awarded the John Mothershead Prize for Best Thesis in Moral and Political Philosophy.
- Attended Stanford-in-Oxford Program, 4/05-6/05. Tutorial in 20<sup>th</sup>-century philosophy.
- 3.90 GPA

## Past Employment

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Department of Philosophy, Stanford University

10/04-8/06

Research Assistant for Professor Agnieszka Jaworska

- Assisted in researching and editing conference presentations and papers for publication. Attended conferences and presentations and summarized current work in philosophical, biological, and medical journals. Prepared course syllabi and bibliographies.

Factotum, Telluride Association Summer Program, University of Michigan

6/06-8/06

- Served as teaching assistant and residential counselor for summer course on Middle Eastern and Islamic history and anthropology, including Islamic bioethics, taught by Profs. Marcia Inhorn and Alexander Knysh.

Tutor, Program in Structured Liberal Education, Stanford University

10/04-6/06

- Worked closely with students in first-year literature and philosophy course. Edited, critiqued, and evaluated seminar essays. Work with faculty to evaluate student performance. As resident tutor, provided drop-in writing tutoring and performed other administrative and support functions of a residence staff member. Developed and maintained course website.

Program in Philosophy and Literature, Stanford University

3/05-3/06

Research Assistant for Professor Joshua Landy

- Prepared annotated bibliographies and did library research.

Department of Biological Sciences, Stanford University

1/04-8/04

Undergraduate Researcher

- Used cell and molecular methods including DNA sequencing, restriction analysis, and gel electrophoresis to investigate yeast response to high pH. Critically read and summarized primary science literature for weekly lab meeting. Used research tools such as BLAST and PubMed/Ovid.

## Activities and Community Work

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- President, Stanford Undergraduate Philosophy Association 9/05-6/06
- Organized undergraduate talks and database of course syllabi. Vice-President 9/04-6/05.
- Editor-in-Chief, *The Dualist: Stanford's Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy* 9/05-6/06
- Solicited and reviewed papers and worked with two other EICs to format and publish journal. Proofread and formatted print and online versions. Webmaster and Associate Editor since 6/03.
- Interview Chair, Telluride Association Summer Program 3/04-present
- Coordinated interviewing of Bay Area applicants. Wrote reports and recruited alum interviewers.
- Student Representative, Stanford Univ. Committee on Libraries 9/05-6/06
- Assistant Editor, *Glosses: Stanford's Journal of Literary Criticism* 9/05-6/06
- Worked one-on-one with author to edit paper for publication; designed website.
- Senior Member, *Stanford Anthology for Youth* 9/05-6/06
- Helped select and type selected submissions and organize spring convention. Member since 3/03.
- Peer Advising Assistant, Stanford University 9/03-6/05
- Worked with faculty member to provide academic support to group of 8 first-year students.

## Honors and Awards

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Stanford University President's Scholar	2002
National Merit Scholar	2002
Telluride Association Summer Program Scholar	2001

## Publications and Presentations

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- "Sympathy, the Ethics of Care, and Kant's Moral Theory." *Ephemeris Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy* **5** (2005).
- "The Ethical Ramifications of Recent Advances in Ovarian Transplantation." *Episteme: An International Journal of Undergraduate Philosophy* **16** (2005).
- "The Pragmatist Purusa." *Janua Sophia: An Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy* **7** (2005).
- "The Danger of the Abstract: Sameness and Isolation in Magritte's *Golconda* and Koestler's *Darkness at Noon*." *Stanford Undergraduate Research Journal* **4** (2005).
- "Anna Karenina as a Prefiguration of Weber's Erotic Sphere." *Zhe: Stanford's Student Journal of Russian, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies* **1** (2005).
- "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead as Writer-Response Criticism of Hamlet." *Glosses: Stanford's Undergraduate Journal of Literary Criticism* **4.1** (2004): 100-102.
- "The Role of Privileged Individuals in Fighting Racism." Presentation, Stanford Undergraduate Philosophy Association Spring Conference, Stanford, CA (2004)